

March 13, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

**RE: Ex Parte Notice. MB Docket No. 02-277, MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, 00-244.
In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast
Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996; Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers;
Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local
Markets; Definition of Radio Markets.**

On March 12, 2003, Debbie Goldman of the Communications Workers of America met with Stacy Robinson, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy.

The discussion focused on five issues: 1) Television and newspapers as the dominant source for local news and information; 2) television and newspapers as separate local product markets; 3) television and newspaper local market concentration; 4) ownership rules as necessary to protect and promote viewpoint diversity; and 5) CWA’s proposal for structural ownership rules. We discussed the CWA proposal for a single local media ownership rule. The proposed rule would prohibit combinations in concentrated local media product markets, and permit combinations in unconcentrated local media product markets conditioned on a requirement to maintain separate news and editorial staff to protect viewpoint diversity.

The hand-outs used during the discussion were previously entered into the record on March 5, 2003.

Sincerely,

Debbie Goldman, Research Economist
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cc: Stacy Robinson